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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS

1. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JUANITA KREPS IS CONSIDERING POSSIBLE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, AND ISRAEL DURING PERIOD APRIL 15-21 FOLLOWING HER VISIT TO BERLIN. SIZE OF PARTY PROBABLY WOULD NOT EXCEED 15 PERSONS; TRAVEL WOULD BE ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

2. PROPOSED ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS: ARRIVE RIYADH 1800
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HOURS APRIL 15, DEPART 1700 HOURS APRIL 17; ARRIVE CAIRO 1830 HOURS APRIL 17, DEPART 1830 HOURS APRIL 19; ARRIVE TEL AVIV 1930 HOURS APRIL 19, DEPART FOR PARIS 1500 HOURS APRIL 21.

3. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS ON POSSIBLE MEETINGS AND TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. THIS LISTING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

AS RANGE OF SUGGESTED POSSIBILITIES NOT, REPEAT, NOT AS PROPOSED SCHEDULE, AS WE RECOGNIZE TIME LIMITATION WOULD PRECLUDE COVERAGE OF ALL SUGGESTIONS.

A. RIYADH -- (1) MIN FINANCE ABA AL-KHAYYL: U.S.-SAUDI TRADE; DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COOPERATION UNDER U.S.-SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION; BANK GUARANTEES FOR BID AND PERFORMANCE

BONDS. (2) MIN INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY QUSAYBI: FOLLOW UP ON QUSAYBI MEETING WITH KREPS IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 21; DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT FOR GREATER U.S. BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN SAUDI DEVELOPMENT. (3) MIN COMMERCE SULAYM: IMPACT OF U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LAWS ON U.S.-SAUDI TRADE; SAUDI RESPONSE TO U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW; COMMERCIAL LAWS, PROBLEMS OF ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN SAUDI AND U.S. FIRMS. (4) MEMBERS OF U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY: BANK GUARANTEES/SURETY BONDS; EFFECTS OF SECTION 911 OF TAX REFORM ACT ON COMPETITIVE POSITION.

B. CAIRO -- (1) MIN TRADE FATTAH: U.S.-EGYPT TRADE RELATIONS; EXIMBANK ROLE IN EGYPT. (2) MIN ECONOMY EL SAYEH: INVESTMENT CLIMATE. (3) MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS KAMAL: ARAB BOYCOTT AND U.S. LEGISLATION. (4) MEETINGS WITH U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

C. TEL AVIV -- (1) MIN COMMERCE HURVITZ: U.S.-ISRAEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRADE; GSP AND ASSOCIATED U.S. ISRAEL UNDERSTANDING; EC-ISRAEL TRADE AGREEMENT; ISRAEL'S DESIRE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT; ISRATECH 78. (2) MIN FINANCE EHRLICH: ACTIVITIES OF U.S.-ISRAEL JOINT COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY BIRD; U.S. INVESTMENT IN ISRAEL. (3) MEETINGS WITH ISRAEL-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

4. APPRECIATE POSTS' EVALUATION OF UTILITY AND SUGGESTED TIME FRAME OF TRIP, SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS, AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/ ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION. REPLY REQUESTED BY MARCH 20. VANCE

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